IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Unemployment Insurance Appeals Section 1000 East Grand—Des Moines, Iowa 50319 DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 68-0157 (7-97) – 3091078 - EI

# LARRY E MILLER 600 S AVE APT 12 ESSEX IA 51638

## IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

# Appeal Number:05A-UI-06555-ATOC:06-13-04R:Claimant:Appellant(2)

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(Administrative Law Judge)

(Decision Dated & Mailed)

Section 96.4-5 – Employees of Educational Institutions 871 IAC 24.52(7) – Head Start Programs

STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

Larry E. Miller filed a timely appeal from an unemployment insurance decision dated June 17, 2005, reference 01, which denied benefits to him upon a finding that he was an employee of an educational institution who was unemployed between academic years and had reasonable assurance of continued employment in the upcoming academic year. After due notice was issued, a telephone hearing was held July 11, 2005, with Mr. Miller participating. Transportation Director Jeff Beckner participated for the employer, Southwest Iowa Planning Council.

# FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having heard the testimony of the witnesses and having examined all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: Larry E. Miller has been employed by Southwest lowa Planning Council since October 2000. Southwest lowa Planning Council is a community service organization providing economic development and transportation services for a number of communities in Southwest Iowa. Mr. Miller is a driver whose primary route is related to a Head Start program. Southwest Iowa Planning Council does not operate the Head Start program. It is one of many different transportation programs operated by the employer.

## REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The question is whether Mr. Miller should be denied unemployment insurance benefits during the summer of 2005 as a result of the statute denying benefits to employees of educational institutions between academic years. The administrative law judge concludes that the statute does not apply to Mr. Miller.

The evidence establishes first of all that Mr. Miller is not an employee of an educational institution. He does not work for a school district or from an organization which operates a Head Start program. His employer merely provides services to one or more Head Start programs operated by other entities. Neither the language of the statute nor the language of 871 IAC 24.52 applies to Mr. Miller. Benefits are allowed.

### DECISION:

The unemployment insurance decision dated June 17, 2005, reference 01, is reversed. The claimant is entitled to receive unemployment insurance benefits, provided he is otherwise eligible.

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